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#### San Benito city, Texas

Highlights from the Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

General Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Total population	23,444	100.0	100%	map	brief
Male .	11,117	47.4	49.1%	map	brief
Female	12,327	52.6	50.9%	map	brief
Median age (years)	29.7	(X)	35.3	map	brief
Under 5 years	2,194	9.4	6.8%	map	
18 years and over	15,641	66.7	74.3%		
65 years and over	3,199	13.6	12.4%	map	brief
One race	22,886	97.6	97.6%		
White	17,854	76.2	75.1%	map	brief
Black or African American	74	0.3	12.3%	map	brief
American Indian and Alaska Native	97	0.4	0.9%	map	brief
Asian	58	0.2	3.6%	map	brief
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	0.0	0.1%	map	brief
Some other race	4,802	20.5	5.5%	map	
Two or more races	558	2.4	2.4%	map	brief
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	20,380	86.9	12.5%	map	brief
Average household size	3.30	(X)	2.59	map	brief
Average family size	3.72	(X)	3.14	map	
Total housing units	9,120	100.0	100.0%	map	
Occupied housing units	7,065	77.5	91.0%		brief
Owner-occupied housing units	4,905	69.4	66.2%	map	
Renter-occupied housing units	2,160	30.6	33.8%	map	brief
Vacant housing units	2,055	22.5	9.0%	map	
Social Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Population 25 years and over	13,268	100.0			
High school graduate or higher	6,876	51.8	80.4%	map	brief
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,294	9.8	24.4%	map	
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and	1,879	12.0	12.7%	map	brief
over)	·			•	
Disability status (population 21 to 64 years)	2,339	20.7	19.2%	map	brief
Foreign born	4,170	17.7	11.1%	map	brief
Now married (population 15 years and over) Speak a language other than English at home (5	9,346	54.6	54.4%		brief
years and over)	16,643	77.9	17.9%	map	brief
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Economic Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent 51.7	<b>U.S.</b> 63.9%		brief
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	8,576	51.7	03.9%		onei
Mean travel time to work in minutes (population 16 years and over)	19.1	(X)	25.5	map	brief
Median household income (dollars)	24,027	(X)	41,994	map	
Median family income (dollars)	26,415	(X)	50,046	map	
Per capita income (dollars)	10,317	(X)	21,587	map	
Families below poverty level	1,672	28.Ź	9.2%	map	brief
Individuals below poverty level	7,668	32.7	12.4%	map	
Housing Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Single-family owner-occupied homes	3,723	100.0			brief
Median value (dollars)	39,500	(X)	119,600	map	brief
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)	(X)			brief
With a mortgage	675	(X)	1,088	map	
Not mortgaged	226	(X)	295		



#### P27. PLACE OF WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER--PLACE LEVEL [5] - Universe:

Workers 16 years and over

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm.

	San Benito city, Texas
Total:	7,457
Living in a place:	7,457
Worked in place of residence	2,638
Worked outside place of residence	4,819
Not living in a place	0

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#### Standard Error/Variance documentation for this dataset:

Accuracy of the Data: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data (PDF 141.5KB)







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SAN BENITO, TEXAS. San Benito is on U.S. Highway 77/83 five miles south of Harlingen and twenty miles north of Brownsville in Cameron County, at the approximate center of the county. The town is on the Concepción de Carricitos grant, awarded to Bartolomé and Eugenio Fernández<sup>qv</sup> in 1789. The portion of the grant on which San Benito is built was obtained in the mid nineteenth century by Judge Stephen Powers<sup>qv</sup> in return for legal services to the Fernández heirs. In 1904 Col. Sam Robertson<sup>qv</sup> went into partnership with James Landrum and Benjamin Hicks, Powers's sons-in-law and administrators of his estate, to form what later became the San Benito Land and Water Company. In January 1907 the company subdivided town lots and began sales. Initially the town was called Bessie, in honor of the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Yoakum, qv financial backer of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway, which served the community. The name San Benito was concocted by Rafael Moreno, an employee of Hicks. Moreno combined the given names of Robertson (Sam or "San") and Hicks (Benny), whom he called "Don Benito." A post office was established in 1907 under the name San Benito. The first meeting of the city council was held on July 27, 1911. A city manager form of government was adopted by charter in 1920. In 1990 the city was governed by a mayor and four elected commissioners, with a city manager as administrative head. During the border disturbances of 1915-16, San Benito was a base for troops of the Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Tennessee National Guard. Several fights with bandits occurred in the area, involving troops and Texas Rangers. qv There were numerous murders and lynchings. In 1916 the night train to Brownsville was blown up at Olmito, ten miles south of San Benito, and several persons were killed. In its early years San Benito was a major shipper of citrus fruits and vegetables from the lower Rio Grande valley. A market was held under the arcade of the San Benito Bank and Trust Company, and agricultural festivals were popular. However, the produce industry began to diminish in the 1960s, and the last citrus-packing shed closed after the severe freeze of December 1983. The later economy centered around agriculture and light industry. As of 1990 there were three cotton gins in San Benito, one of which was combined with a large grain-storage facility. The town had a 144-acre industrial park that included such industries as electronics, plastic design and manufacture, soft drink distribution, meat packing, and clothing manufacture. The San Benito Consolidated Independent School District was the largest employer in the city; second was the Central Power and Light Company, which maintained the La Palma Power Station. The San Benito Municipal Airport, a general aviation facility governed by an advisory board, is

operated by a lessee. Water is supplied by a municipally owned utility corporation, governed by an autonomous board responsible to the city commission. Dolly Vinsant Memorial Hospital, a community-owned hospital built by public subscription in 1949, is named for Lt. Wilma R. (Dolly) Vinsant Shea, qv army flight nurse, who was killed in action over Germany in May 1945. A semiweekly newspaper, the San Benito News, has been published under its present name and ownership since 1946. It was originally established as the San Benito Light in 1911. In addition to schools run by the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District, the South Texas Independent School District, a special purpose district, maintains a separate high school. A county fair and livestock show is held in San Benito each February on fairgrounds owned jointly by the stock show corporation and the city. The population is largely Hispanic and of Mexican origin, although intermarriage with non-Hispanics is common. In addition to Mexicans, the Hispanic population includes a small but growing number of Puerto Ricans and Cubans. There is also a substantial Japanese community on the Rio Grande, outside the city limit. The black population is probably less than 1 percent of the total. In 1990 San Benito had 141 businesses and a population of 20,125, making it the third largest city in the county.

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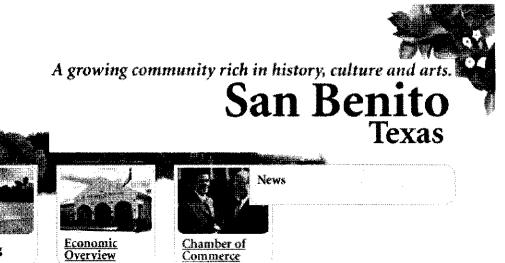
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Mayor Cesar Gonzalez
Mayoral Tenure
1974-1988
1996-2004
2004-Present

On behalf of our City Council and City st "Welcome to San Benito."

We are here to serve the residential and commercial interestive and are happy to have you here. The City Commission in 2004, approved a new Five Year Comprehensive Plan designed as long-range roadmap to improve services and streamline of for our citizens and merchants. Among the many major goal current fiscal year include the upgrade of the old Post Office to a home for our Chamber of Commerce, Economic Device Corporation, City Management and City Hall Meeting Chambers.

We are in the midst of completing the codification of all ord and will soon endeavor to create a more thorough process the future development and continue the upgrade of our public paliculated in our major accomplishments over the past year restructure of our Municipal Court, the merging of various depto create the Community Improvement Department and restitute Utilities and the Public Works departments.

We are here to serve our community. You are our customer strive to provide excellent customer service. If we may be of please call us at 361-3800, Monday through Friday from 8 a.n Or, you may choose to view our website at www.cityofsanbenit

Respectfully, Mayor Cesar Gonzalez











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San Benito is making the successful evolution from agriculture retail, to light industrial and eco-tourism, and there is no doubt to economic prosperity has entered into our city limits. To prepare continued prosperity, we are developing the necessary infrastruction for such growth.

Our most recent successful community-wide team effort, not only we the City of San Benito more than \$18,000,000 (construction/subsition grant funds for the city's \$32,000,000 water/wastewal improvement project, it has afforded us the self-confidence to real an enhanced quality of life and an expanded vision for our community as a result of our demonstration of absolute need for improvement and our business-like approach to the project, we receively overwhelming community support from consumers to pay increase rates as a means of repaying the \$9 million in loans secured to he finance the improvements.

We now have a vision where San Benito is poised to attract qual growth for happy and healthy families, expanded industry a growing businesses that can take quick advantage of our geograp proximity to Mexico and the Gulf Coast to become an even grea attractive, dynamic and unique community.

Victor G. Trevino
City Manager
City of San Benito
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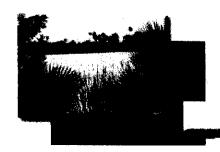
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For general information, contact Martha McClain - Public Information Officer at mmcclain@cityofsanbenito.com







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#### **MUNICIPAL COURT**

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The Municipal Court is staffed by four, licensed attorneys who serve as judges to hear arraignments as needed. A court administrator, court clerk and bailiff staff this department and is also under the direction of the Public Safety Director.

### JUDGE AVAILABLE Court Sessions

Monday AND Wednesday 4:00 p.m. THRU 6:00 p.m.

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The City Administration's primary function is to oversee the overall operation of city. This is done by following the direction of the City Commission and by empowering city personnel to effective, efficient and accountable.

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#### **Finance Department**

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The Finance Department plans, directs and coordinates the financial affi in accordance with specific objectives established by legal and professio. It maintains the financial records and provides management wit necessary for sound decisions. It is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City in these areas: accounts payable, payroll a budget preparation, debt issuance and administration, investment port reporting, grant management, purchasing, internal auditing, and the bu

The Finance Department maintains an effective system of internal cor the safeguarding of assets and to monitor compliance with policies a established by management. Under the direction and supervision c Director and the Assistant Finance Director, the department staff c accounts payable specialist, a payroll specialist, an accounting coordinate supervisor and two cashiers.

#### **Administrative Staff**

Title/Position	Name	Extension	E-mail address
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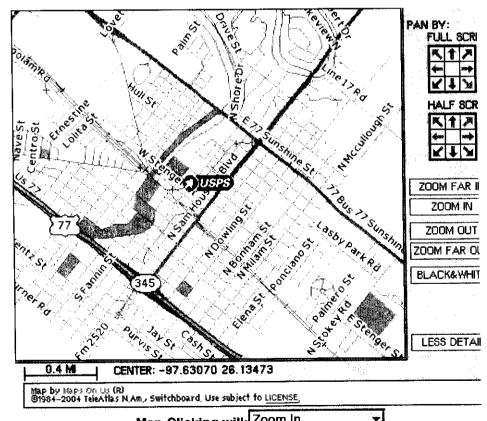
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March 10: Veterans Advisory Board Meeting, 6 p.m. City Hall. March 10: Parks Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

March 11: Free Tax Seminar sponsored by San Benito Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Development Center. 9 a.m.-Noon. Call 399-5321 for information.

March 11: Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

March 12: Paint Ball Tournament sponsored by Boys and Girls Club. Call 399-6442.

March 15: Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Public Library.

March 16: Regular City Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

March 19-21: Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament at Cameron County Livestock Show Grounds. Call 399-6442.

March 29: Deadline for applying for NINOS college scholarships. Call 399-9944.

April 3: City-wide Trash Bash. 8 a.m. at each school campus. Party Headquarters at Plaza De San Benito, 10:30 a.m. Please call 956-361-3800 for more information.

July 3: 5K Run/1 Mile Walk sponsored by San Benito Chamber of Commerce. Call 956-399-5321 for more information.

# Residue City Record Newsletter For the Citizens of Son Benito

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Spring Issue

March-April

## Trash Bash set for April 3

The City's annual neighborhood cleanup is right around the corner. It's time to cleanup and fix-up our city.

Last year, more than 700 San Benito youngsters and adults turned out to pitch in to pick up litter and debris, in an effort to make San Benito more beautiful.

The event is an annual effort of the City of San Benito, the Public Housing Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, the School District and Valley Proud Environmental Council.

This year again, volunteers are asked to gather at 8 a.m. Saturday,



April 3 at their nearest public school where they begin their task.

Additionally, all residents are asked to help cleanup their

neighborhoods by placing unwanted bulky items such wooden debris and appliances near dumpsters supplied by BFI, at various locations throughout the city.

After gathering litter from throughout the various neighborhoods, including vacant lots, the students will deposit their filled bags to designated dumpsters.

An appreciation party at Plaza de San Benito (behind Community Building) is expected to be held for the kids after the event with refreshments and games.

### Some facts about brush pick up

Residents are scheduled to receive clean brush pick up one time per month. Please keep brush and wood free of debris including construction materials. The brush truck will not pick up construction materials such as corrugated metal, shingles, sheetrock, concrete, brick, painted wood etc. Please keep brush in a separate pile away from bulky items such as furniture.

#### **BULKY ITEM SERVICE**

In addition to regular brush and wood service, customers will also receive monthly bulky item service. Bulky items include furniture (such as sofas, mattresses, tables, chairs, etc.) and appliances (such as stoves, washers, dryers, etc.). Items containing Freon such as refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners can be disposed of at the City Service Center at 925 W. Stenger. Up to six tires per year will be accepted from private residents. No tires will be accepted from commercial entities. Proof of residence required. Keep bulky items in a separate pile away from brush and wood.

#### ITEMS NOT COLLECTED

Items that will not be collected include tires, batteries, liquids, hazardous materials, dirt, rocks, items containing Freon or car parts.

#### SCHEDULING

Please be sure to have brush and bulky items ready for pickup immediately (no more than one week) before your scheduled week. All items must be placed at the curb within your property; items placed in the alleys will not be collected. If items are placed in alleys, the violator will be cited.

#### FINES

Violators are subject to a \$2,000 fine for each violation, under City Ordinance No. 2225.

Please see brush collection map on opposite side for scheduled pickup. For more information call 361-3800.

### Report street light outages to city

Residents can report pubic street light outages by calling the Department of Code Enforcement (Sylvia Carrizales or Joe Avila).

Please be prepared to provide

pole number (located on the pole), the nearest physical address to pole and the condition of the street light.

The public is also asked to report dim or flickering lights,

broken fixtures and lights that remain on all day.

There will be a five-to-ten business day delay for repairs after reporting outage or malfunction.

#### MEDIA QUESTIONNAIRE SAN BENITO NEWS

Name of Organization: San Benito News

Type of Organization: Newspaper

Street Address: 356 N. Sam Houston

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1791, San Benito, TX - 78586

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oriented and welcoming environment... an attractive environment enticing people to shop, to open a business or to build a home. Toward that purpose, the Chamber's plan of work supports the business community through a variety of programs, functions, events and above all, communication. The Chamber is building a sound foundation to support the momentum underway in San Benito. Businesses in San Benito express a unique diversity, which gives San Benito charm and entices others to invest in the San Benito community.

#### Mission Statement

- To promote economic development programs designed to strengthen and expand the economy of San Benito and its surrounding trade area.
- To promote programs of a civic, social, and cultural nature which enhance the functional and aesthetic values of the community.
- To effectively communicate with the business community and identify methods to advance San Benito's economic development.
- To represent the business community in city, county, state and national levels of legislative and political issues.
- To inspire unity, cooperation and enthusiasm through communication and volunteerism.

#### **Special Events**

Every JANUARY the San Benito Chamber of Commerce and Fun N' Sun RV Park

hosts over 1500 winter visitors for a "Welcome Back Winter Texans" gathering. Held at Fun N' Sun RV Park, this is FREE fun-filled evening with area "Winter Texans" provides refreshments, entertainment and door prizes along with "Winter Texan Worthy Information" provided by local businesses.

The San Benito Beautification & Restoration 5K Run/Walk, takes you through historic downtown San Benito, cross the beautiful Resaca and by the places where San Benito history was made. The San Benito Beautification & Restoration 5K Run/Walk is hosted by the Chamber every 4th OF JULY to raise funds to help restore buildings and beautify the community. Trophies and medals are awarded to the winners in individual categories. Healthy snacks, water and FREE T-shirts are given to all participants.

Looking for "Longest Lighted Christmas Parade" in the Rio Grande Valley with over 100 entries? Then join San Benito's Annual Christmas Parade & Bazaar held the second Saturday in DECEMBER. You'll see marching bands, floats, horse clubs & various other entities! In addition, a week-long Christmas carnival with rides is held downtown and features nightly entertainment with food booths, arts & crafts, a storefront contest and much more. The event is highlighted every year by the arrival of Santa Claus.

#### **Benefits**

#### BUSINESS REFERRAL SERVICE

We receive hundreds of inquiries each year for the names of local businesses, services, professionals and other establishments. Only chamber members are referred. In addition, referrals are also made via the Internet.

#### RIBBON CUTTINGS & GROUND BREAKINGS

The Chamber will provide FREE OF CHARGE ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, business anniversaries and new ownership celebrations or relocations events. The Chamber, available at no cost upon request, can mail invitations to these activities to all chamber members, dignitaries and ambassadors.

#### QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS TO BUSINESS MIXERS

A real "crowd pleaser" in just food and refreshments alone! Not to mention the social and business contacts that takes place at each mixer. Mixers are sponsored by chamber members and held at their establishment so that business networking can be done on site. The Chamber, available at no cost upon request, can mail invitations to these activities to all chamber members, dignitaries and ambassadors. Advertising for a mixer in the local newspaper is FREE OF CHARGE upon request.

#### SAN BENITO BUSINESS ACADEMY

The chamber provides business education seminars covering a wide range of topics from customer service to website development keeping you informed on a variety of business issues and trends to keep your business competitive.

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Southwestern Bell (1-800-464-7928). Long distance service is available through a number of providers.

 Internet connection services are available through Southwestern Bell (1-800-464-7928) and Time Warner (1-800-425-5897).

#### Gas

 Natural gas for the area is provided by Hino Natural Gas Company (956-423-9178) and Southern Union Gas (956-444-3900).

#### **Electricity**

 AEP/Central Power & Light (1-877-373-4858), Hino Electric Power Company (956-428-7800) and Magic Valley Electric Cooperative (1-866-225-5683) are the local electric providers, although more options are now available due to recent deregulation measures in the state.

#### Water/Sewer

• The City of San Benito (956-361-3800) maintains and provides the City's water supply. Currently, the City of San Benito is proposing a 3 phased improvements project to the existing water and wastewater system. The first component of this project is the construction of a new water treatment plant that would increase the plant's capacity from 5.97 million gallons per day (MGD) to 10.0 MGD. The second component of this project is to construct a new overhead water storage tank and 2 transmission lines from the new water treatment plant to the City's ground storage and high service pump station and